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## OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

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| March 22, 1980 | -WOSU (8.20 AM) Radio Series (11:30 a.m.)<br>Dr. Edward Swidersici, " <i>Philosophy in the U.S.S.R.</i> "                          |
| March 29, 1980 | -WOSU (8.20 AM) Radio Series (11:30 a.m.)<br>Dr. Williamson Murray, " <i>Strength of Soviet Conventional Armament</i> "            |
| April 9, 1980  | -Lecture at Oberlin College<br>Professor Ziva Galili-y-Garcia, " <i>The Mensheviks and the Question of Political Power</i> " (873) |

## LECTURE ON THE MENSHEVIKS AT OBERLIN

(873) Professor Ziva Galili-y-Garcia of Columbia University will present a lecture on "*The Mensheviks and the Question of Political Power*", on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 306, King Hall, on the Oberlin College campus.

This is the third lecture in a series on "*The Russian Revolution of 1917: New Perspectives*", sponsored by the Department of History at Oberlin college.

## CONFERENCE TO HONOR JERNEJ KOPITAR

(874) "The Conference to Honor Jernej Kopitar, 1780-1980", which is being organized by Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois and Columbia University, will be held in conjunction with the University of Chicago's South Slavic Conference on May 14-17, 1980. The first two sessions (the evening of May 14, all day May 15) will take place on the Northwestern campus in Evanston; the second two (May 16 and 17) on the University of Chicago's campus in Hyde Park.

The public is cordially invited to attend. For further information, please contact: Professor Henry R. Cooper, Jr., Slavic Department, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60201 (312-492-5636).

#### *POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF CANADIAN EXCHANGES WITH U.S.S.R.*

(875) The National Research Council of Canada is considering an indefinite suspension of all scientific exchange programs with the Soviet Union in retaliation against that country's invasion of Afghanistan.

Canada now conducts a wide range of exchanges as part of a 20-year friendship program with Russia.

*Gilles Julien*, a spokesman for the council, said no decision on the suspension would be made without the backing of Canada's federal government.

(Source: Chronicle of Higher Education, February 25, 1980).

#### *NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SUSPENDS EXCHANGES*

(876) The council of the National Academy of Sciences has voted to suspend for the next six months all bilateral symposia, seminars, and workshops with its counterpart in the Soviet Union - the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R.

A spokesman for the American academy said the 117-year-old organization had never before taken such an action.

The council said it had decided to suspend the bilateral exchanges because of its "deep concerns with recent events, in particular, actions by the Soviet government with respect to our Foreign Associate, Academician *Andrei D. Sakharov*."

The National Academy's action does not affect the exchange of individual scientists connected with the two academies. The council said that decisions on whether to participate in such exchanges should be left to the scientists themselves.

In a related development, *President Carter* has told Congress that most scientific and technical exchanges developed on the basis of 11 bilateral agreements signed in 1972 would be terminated.

Only those exchanges of "overriding scientific interest to the U.S." or those which "involve humanitarian concerns such as health or the environment" would be continued, *Mr. Carter* said. Exchanges developed under the bilateral agreements were being reviewed individually, he added.

(Source: Chronicle of Higher Education, March 3, 1980).

#### *CONTROVERSY OVER BRITISH RUSSIAN LANGUAGE CUTS*

(877) A report from Great Britain's University Grants Committee calling for the elimination of Russian language studies at more than 20 colleges and universities has been condemned as "horribly timed" by politicians worried by recent Soviet aggression in Afghanistan.

The U.G.C. said that enrollments in Russian in high schools were declining, and that the levels of staffing in departments of Russian and Slavic languages in higher education had become uneconomical.

Faculty members in those fields have protested that the committee ignored the academic quality of some departments in recommending the cuts. The British University Association of Slavists has issued a public statement warning that the country's ability to understand

### *TOUR GROUPS TO HUNGARY AND ROMANIA*

(880) Special group tours to Hungary and Romania, effective between March 24 and September 14, 1980, have recently been announced by E.T.S. Tours.

For more information, contact E.T.S. Tours, Group Department, 293 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017. Telephone (212) 689-0590. Outside New York State, call toll free (800) 223-7959.

### *CHARTER FLIGHTS TO GARMISCH CONGRESS*

(881) The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) has asked Academic Travel Abroad, Inc. to coordinate group travel arrangements for American and Canadian participants in the Second World Congress on Soviet and Eastern European Studies at Garmisch - Partenkirchen, September 30 - October 4, 1980.

For further information, contact Academic Travel Abroad, Inc., 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

### *FREEDOM HOUSE SPEAKERS AVAILABLE*

(882) Freedom House has recently initiated a new program, The Center for Appeals for Freedom, which organizes guest lectures by speakers who recently lived under repressive regimes.

For further information, a list of speakers, and cost schedules, contact William C. Thoma, Director, Center for Appeals for Freedom, Freedom House, 20 West 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018. Telephone (212) 730-7744.

### *KENT STATE BUILDING UP HUNGARIAN COLLECTION*

(883) The Ethnic Heritage Center at Kent State University is actively soliciting Hungarian books, journals and archival material for the Center's collection. For more information, contact John F. Cadzow, Director, Ethnic Heritage Center, Kent State University, 729 Wright Hall, Kent, Ohio 44242.

(Source: Hungarian Studies Newsletter, No. 22, Winter 1979-1980).

### *BOOKS, PERIODICALS*

(884) Books and periodicals recently brought to the attention of OSEEN include:

Croatian Academic and Genealogical Quarterly Bulletin, published by the Croatian-American Academic Association of the Pacific and the Croatian Genealogical Society. Editor is Adam S. Eterovich, publisher of Ragusan Press, 1372 Rosewood Avenue, San Carlos, California 94070.

Study in Europe, edited by Nancy Young and Mary Louise Taylor; 1976; \$6.95 in paperback. Available from Information and Counseling Division, Institute of International Education (IIE), 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Summer Study Abroad, edited by Gail A. Cohen, published annually, \$5.00; and U.S. College - Sponsored Programs Abroad: Academic Year, published annually, \$5.00. Both available from IIE (see above).

Kritika: A Review of Soviet Books on Russian History. This journal, now in its sixteenth year of publication, appears twice a year. One-year subscription rates are individual (\$5.00) and institutional (\$6.50). Kritika, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 01238.

Russian attitudes and diplomacy will be diminished if the programs are eliminated.

(Source: Chronicle of Higher Education, February 25, 1980).

*FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY BOOST SUPPORT FOR LANGUAGE, AREA STUDIES*

(878) Legislation to reorganize and expand federal support for foreign-language and area-studies programs was recently introduced in the Senate.

The bill - which, if passed, would be known as the International Education Program Act - is based at least in part on the final report of the President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies.

Like the Carter Administration's budget requests and the House bill re-authorizing higher-education programs (HR 5192), the Senate bill (S 2306) shifts the foreign-language and area-studies programs now authorized under Title VI of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 to the Higher Education Act of 1965. They would be included as a new Title VI of the Higher Education Act.

The Senate bill would authorize about \$77-million for foreign-language and area-studies programs at all levels in the fiscal year that begins next October 1. In his proposed budget for that year, President Carter requested a total of \$30-million for such programs.

The Senate bill calls for about \$60-million in support for graduate and undergraduate centers for foreign languages and area studies. It also would provide \$10-million in federal matching funds for a new program designed to link colleges and universities with American businesses engaged in international trade.

Among the specific areas that could receive grants under that section of the act are:

"Innovation and improvement in international education curricula to serve the needs of the business community, including development of new programs for nontraditional, mid-career, or part-time students."

"Internationalization of curricula at the junior- and community-college level, and at undergraduate and graduate schools of business."

"Establishment of export-education programs through cooperative arrangements with regional and world trade centers and councils, and with bilateral and multilateral trade associations."

"Establishment of student and faculty fellowships and internships for training and education in international business activities."

"Development of research programs on issues of common interest to institutions of higher education and private-sector organizations and associations engaged in or promoting international economic activity."

(Source: Chronicle of Higher Education, March 3, 1980).

*SUMMER FOLKDANCE FESTIVAL*

(879) The Ninth Annual Summer Folkdance Festival will be held in two sessions this summer between August 3 and August 16 at Holiday Hills, Pawling, New York. Classes will include Russian, Romanian and Balkan folkdancing.

For further information contact Moshe Eskayo, Director, 99 Hillside Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10040, Telephone (212) 942-0274.